

IN A VEHICLE--.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claims 12-14, 25-27, and 145-156.

R e m a r k s

Applicant has changed the title to be more descriptive of the claimed invention. Accordingly, a marked-up copy of page 1 of the specification reflecting the title change is enclosed.

The Examiner rejected claims 12-14 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being allegedly obvious over the "On Star" brochure by General Motors. While applicant disagrees with the Examiner's basis for the rejection, to advance the prosecution, applicant has canceled claims 12-14, 25-27, and 145-156. However, applicant hereby reserves all rights to re-prosecute the canceled claims in the future.

Since the remaining claims 15-17, 28, and 157-165 were allowed by the Examiner, it is respectfully requested that the application be promptly passed to issue.

Respectfully,

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Description  
TECHNIQUE FOR EFFECTIVELY PROVIDING AUDIO INFORMATION IN A VEHICLE  
~~MULTIMEDIA INFORMATION AND CONTROL SYSTEM FOR AUTOMOBILES~~

Technical Field

The invention relates generally to information and control systems and, more particularly, to a system for use in an automobile which facilitates a user's retrieval and/or  
5 dissemination of information, and control of vehicle functions.

Background of the Invention

Information is vital to day-to-day activities.  
10 With no access to information, people cannot function efficiently in this society, and their lives and financial well-being are put in jeopardy. People want to be well-informed, so much so that when they are travelling in automobiles, they tune into local radio stations to listen  
15 to news, weather forecasts and traffic conditions. For that matter, some automobiles are equipped with audiovisual systems including television (TV) receivers. One such system is disclosed in U.S. Patent No. 5,404,443 issued to Hirata. The Hirata system provides audiovisual information  
20 in a number of modes including a TV mode, which may be selected by control switches disposed on the periphery of a display.

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